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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:US-SOMALI RELATIONS

REF: MOGADISCIO 729 (NOTAL)

1. UPON HIS RETURN TO MOGADISCIO APRIL 21, UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS AMBASSADOR LOUGHREN REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT
WITH PRESIDENT SIAD TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVED
US-SOMALI RELATIONS. OFFICIAL CLOSE TO PRESIDENT ASSURED
LOUGHREN HE WOULD SEE SIAD BEFORE LEAVING MAY 5 FOR ABIDJAN
COM CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, DIRGEN MOFA, WHO MAY BE ANXIOUS
RETAIN SOMALIA'S LINKS WITH SOVIETS, AND WHO HAD INKLING
OF NATURE OF BUSINESS LOUGHREN WISHED TO DISCUSS, TOLD

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LOUGHREN HE DOUBTED SIAD WOULD BE ABLE SEE HIM BEFORE HIS
MAY 5 DEPARTURE. REFTEL REPORTS LOUGHREN HAD IN FACT NOT
SEEN SIAD AS OF TWO HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

2. WE THINK MEETING WITH SIAD IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO
PROCEED ON COURSE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH
SOMALIA. THEREFORE ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM

APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF FOREGOING AND SEEK THEIR INTERPRETATION OF SIAD'S FAILURE RECEIVE OUR AMBASSADOR. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT PARALLEL MEETING BETWEEN SOMALI

AMBASSADOR ADDOU IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY VANCE TOOK PLACE MAY 3 DURING WHICH SECRETARY OFFERED SEND AID TEAM TO MOGADISIO TO STUDY WAYS US COULD RESPOND TO SOMALI DESIRE FOR US ECONOMIC AID BUT RESERVED POSITION ON US MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA PENDING COMPLETION ARMS TRANSFER POLICY REVIEW.

3. FYI: SIAD'S FAILURE RECEIVE LOUGHAN MAY SIMPLY BE DEMONSTRATION THAT SIAD IS SHREWD CAMEL DEALER, OR THAT HE APPLYING PRESSURE TO SECURE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT FOR ADDOU (APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT BEING REQUESTED). HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT FAILURE TO RECEIVE LOUGHAN RESULTED FROM PRESSURE ON "IAD BY SOVIETS. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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